



**COUNTY OF
SAN BERNARDINO**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE
OFFICE**

**GOVERNMENTAL AND
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS**

385 North Arrowhead Avenue
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0110
(909) 387-4821

GREGORY C. DEVEREAUX
Chief Executive Officer

Robert Lovingood *First District*
Janice Rutherford, Chair *Second District*
James Ramos *Third District*
Gary C. Ovitt, Vice Chair *Fourth District*
Josie Gonzales *Fifth District*

The Week in Washington D.C. – March 11, 2013

Below you will find a listing of federal legislative activities that the County and our federal advocates are monitoring during the week of March 11, 2013.

House Floor Action

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

Legislation to be considered under suspension of the rules:

HR 1035 – *Require Study of Voluntary Community-based Flood Insurance,*

This bill requires FEMA to conduct a study on the possibility of making voluntary community-based flood insurance policies available through NFIP. The measure requires the study to analyze how such policies would affect communities with varying economic bases, geographic locations, flood hazard characteristics or classifications, and flood management approaches. The study also must evaluate the advisability of making available such policies to communities, subdivisions of communities and areas of residual risk. FEMA must submit its report to Congress within 18 months of enactment, and include a strategy to implement voluntary community-based flood insurance policies that would encourage communities to undertake flood mitigation activities, including the construction, reconstruction or improvement of levees, dams or other flood control structures.

House Hearings

Wednesday, March 13, 2013

HR 803 - *Consolidate Job Training Programs —Supporting Knowledge and Investing in Lifelong Skills (SKILLS) Act* | Committee on Rules| 3:00 EST. The bill reauthorizes the Workforce Investment Act, the primary federal program that supports workforce development activities, including job training. The measure consolidates dozens of federal job training and employment assistance programs, and combines most associated funding streams into a single source for state and local use. It also increases the role of business in the state and local governance of the workforce development system. Republicans say the changes are needed to reduce program duplication and complexity and make the system more effective in training workers and helping them find jobs. Democrats argue the measure would reduce the access of many disadvantaged group to important education and job training services. Rules is expected to recommend a structured rule making only specified amendments in order. Watch this hearing [live](#).

HR 890 - *Welfare Work Requirement Waivers — Preserving Work Requirements for Welfare Programs Act* | Committee on Rules| 5:00 EST. The bill nullifies the Health and Human Services Department initiative announced last July to allow states to waive work requirements under the TANF program in certain circumstances. The administration proposal is intended to allow states to have their welfare-to-work initiatives assessed using different measures than the existing work participation rate, which generally requires at least half the adults in families receiving cash benefits to either be working or participating in approved work-related activities. The bill reauthorizes TANF through Dec. 31. The Rules Committee is expected to recommend a structured rule making only specified amendments in order. Watch this hearing live [here](#).

The mission of the government of the County of San Bernardino is to satisfy its customers by providing service that promotes the health, safety, well being, and quality of life of its residents according to the County Charter, general laws, and the will of the people it serves.

Water Infrastructure Financing – Oversight Hearing | Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Committee | 9:30 EST.

National Forest Management and its Impacts on Rural Economies and Communities | Committee on Agriculture – Conservation, Energy and Forestry Subcommittee | 10:00 EST. Watch this hearing [live](#).

Obamacare's Impact on Jobs | Committee on Energy and Commerce | 10:15 EST. Watch this hearing [live](#).

Thursday, March 14, 2013

Implementing MAP-21: Progress Report from US DOT Modal Administrators | Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure – Highway's and Transit Subcommittee | 10:00 EST. At this hearing, the Subcommittee will review the progress of US DOT toward implementing programmatic reforms and meeting deadlines mandate in MAP-21. Read subject matter summary [here](#). Watch this hearing [live](#).

Friday, March 15, 2013

Unaffordable: Impact of Obamacare on Americans' Health Insurance Premiums | Committee on Energy and Commerce | 10:00 EST. Watch this hearing [live](#).